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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S OPEN SESSION held on
Monday, November 7, 2005 at 7:00 PM in the H. Bernard Monahan Memorial Room,
Town Hall, 242 Union Street Rockland, Massachusetts 02370**

**ATTENDANCE: Louis U. Valanzola, Lawrence J. Chaffee, Mary A. Parsons,
Keven D. Pratt and Kelli A. O'Brien-McKinnon**

A Moment of Silence was observed for former Representative Janet O'Brien and for those who have lost their lives in Iraq and Afghanistan as most of you know they passed a tough milestone of 2,000 about a week and a half ago.

Mr. Materna led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Jeff Najarian reminded everyone about the Veteran's Day Parade. It will kick off at 9:00AM on VFW Drive.

Mr. Valanzola skipped ahead to:

C. NEW BUSINESS

1. Approve Bonds for Water Department

Mr. Callahan gave an overview of upgrades in the Water Department. This is paid by the receipts from the Water Department. All capital costs are shared between Rockland and Abington (50/50).

Motion: Mr. Pratt to approve Bonds
Second: Mrs. Parsons
Vote: 5-0

A. MINUTES – September 6, 2005 Open Session

1. Open Session Minutes – September 6, 2005

Motion: Mr. Chaffee to approve
Second: Mr. Pratt
Vote: 5-0

B. UNFINISHED BUSINESS (Continued)

1. Estes Property

Mr. Valanzola – As most of you know we have a issues there with illegal cars parked in the parking lot and so on and so forth and we are trying to get that blocked off. Mr. Plante – As you know we had an Executive Session earlier to evaluate a legal document whereby the owner has granted the Town permission to block off the front and the proposal will be to put boulders there. The boulders will be placed exactly behind the sidewalk area. So that technically it will still be on Town property and no vehicles will be allowed in there. There are several vehicles there now and I imagine that we will give them 48-72 hours to get them out of there. The Fire Chief is aware of the situation. Mrs. O'Brien-McKinnon has worked with the attorney relative to the agreement which you saw earlier. I'm sure the neighbors will be pleased to have that area cleaned up. They are also throwing trash in there. It's a real eyesore. Obviously there are other issues, I know Mrs. Parsons has some real concerns with the environmental issue over there. I think she may have a motion relative to that also. Mrs. Parsons – I would like the Town to write a letter to DEP and get them to move on getting that property cleaned up. I have another issue too....there is a business using that parking lot. That needs to stop and that business needs to find a place for their vehicles because I don't want to see them parking at another business lot. Mr. Plante – This will obviously take care of that but he has some other issues apparently he has all these trucks and we will have to investigate that. I will have a conversation with the Building Inspector to see what he knows because that is a private residence. Mrs. Parsons – True and plus it's also zoned residential so he may be operating his business in a residential zone. I know the Building Inspector has gone after other people doing the very same thing. Mr. Plante – I will have a discussion with him on this tomorrow.

Motion: Mrs. Parsons to authorize TA to write letter to DEP and request their status on property and what money DEP has available to finish the cleanup and what is DEP doing to get this cleaned up properly.

Second: Mr. Pratt

Vote: 5-0

Motion: Mrs. O'Brien-McKinnon to approve agreement to stop the trespassing on the Estes property.

Second: Mr. Chaffee

Vote: 5-0

2. Approve Special Town Meeting Warrant

Mr. Valanzola – These articles have to be of an emergency nature. I have a couple of questions. On Article 1 – we are reducing the health insurance by \$200,000.00. We are always told that we are short on that...that we are under funded and all of a sudden we come up with \$200,000.00. Which tells me that budget was over padded. And then the Article 4 – we have reduce line items of \$686,324.00 but we don't have the details.

B. UNFINISHED BUSINESS (Continued)

2. Approve Special Town Meeting Warrant (continued)

Mrs. Parsons - Or the line items. Mr. Plante - I gave that to you a week or two ago. You received that in your packet. Mr. Chaffee - Yes, that was in our packets. Mr. Plante - Yes, you've had that a couple of weeks. Mr. Valanzola - So basically you are looking to get half of the \$686,000 from the School Department. Mr. Plante - He's aware of that and we have discussed it. Mr. Valanzola - Is that realistic at this point? They only went for a 3 - 3 1/2% increase this year basically that was level funded. Where some of these other departments took a 10 - 13% increase. Mr. Plante - Let me explain...this article needed to be created to give you a fall back position. As everybody knows and we've discussed it on several occasions, there are two possible sources of funding that will allow us to balance the budget without making reductions. That is the money from LNR. I did receive the commitment letter from them today. My intention is to send that off to DOR immediately (obviously that is the \$1.26 million dollars) the goal is to have DOR authorize the Town to count that as a one time non-occurring revenue. Which would give you the ability to use it at Town Meeting. The other thing that I would like to report is that the free cash number will be certified very soon. The auditors will be in this week. The accountant has a number that he will not give me because he wants the auditors to agree to it before he releases the number. That money will probably be available as well. This article needed to be created in worse case scenario if both the LNR and free cash number didn't come through by December 5th. We had to have a mechanism to balance the budget because we have to set the tax rate before the end of December. This number and those reductions that I have recommended to you (understanding that they still have to go through the Finance Committee) might still be amended on the floor. I would also suggest that if you are uncomfortable with those numbers tonight that you could vote to change them tonight and I could amend them as long as that bottom line comes out to \$686,324.00. Mrs. Parsons - It's four weeks from tonight until Town Meeting. I read the LNR letter and they do not give a date they only give by the end of this fiscal year which is June 30, 2006. Is DOR going to be comfortable with that? Mr. Plante - According to LNR the Town of Weymouth's letter was approved and one thing I will do tomorrow is verify that the Town of Weymouth's letter has been approved by DOR. Mrs. Parsons - As you know they have been promising this letter since the day after Labor Day...it's very vague it just said by June 30, 2006. Mr. Plante - I will talk to Weymouth first thing in the morning. I had a conversation with Billy Ryan and he said the letter had been approved. I'm sure it's very similar. Mr. Valanzola - There must be something different if DOR accepted Weymouth's letter and not ours. Mrs. Parsons - Can you get a copy of Weymouth's letter? Mr. Plante - I already gave it to you two months ago. Mrs. Parsons - That's the one they sent in? If I remember correctly it's very different than this. Mr. Plante - I believe it talks about that June 30th date...does it not? I had a conversation with Mr. DeWald and I think the Finance Committee's position is going to be if we have the free cash to use it for the deficit and put the LNR money in stabilization. Mrs. Parsons - I think some of that LNR money needs to go to the library

B. UNFINISHED BUSINESS (Continued)

2. Approve Special Town Meeting Warrant (continued)

for the new roof. Mr. Plante – We'll cross that bridge when we come to it but obviously, Mrs. Parsons, the roof issue would be for the spring anyhow. Mrs. Parsons – Right so not all of the money should go into stabilization. When we got the money from BC/BS it was put in a Selectmen's donation account and that's not a problem. But when you are talking about \$1.3 million dollars the DOR is never going to allow you put that in a gift account. The safest place is to put it in stabilization and you can take it out. Mr. Pratt – You can put the bulk of it in stabilization....Mrs. Parsons – and keep out what you need for the roofs. Mr. Plante – I'd have to investigate that. Mr. Valanzola – You didn't answer the question on the health insurance. Mr. Plante – Yes that was over budgeted and it was based on projections from Plymouth County where they believed what the increase would be and how many people we would pick up. We also had to budget because we had open enrollment in July and you don't know what is going to happen so it was over budgeted. Now that number keep in mind may not be the full \$200,000 but that is to offset....you'll notice in that sheet I gave you from the accountant that will offset the shortage. The problem with health insurance is that you never know which way it is going to go. Mrs. Parsons – I always goes over funded in Rockland. Mr. Plante – It went up a lot, it didn't go up as much as we thought. It still went up a tremendous amount. Mrs. Parsons – I always seems to be over funded every year. Mr. Plante – We do that on purpose. Last year it didn't work...we over funded and we were still short. Mr. Valanzola read the list of articles. Andy Triantaffellow questioned the "Petition" Article #13 - Is that an emergency? Mr. Plante – Under the Charter they produced several hundred signatures to get it on. The Selectmen have no say...they have to put it on. Technically it isn't an emergency but because they have the number of signatures they can get it on.

Motion: Mr. Chaffee to approve warrant

Second: Mr. Pratt

Vote: 5-0

3. FY 06 Budget Update

Mr. Valanzola - We received something from the Town Accountant basically stating what we just said that our deficit is \$686,323.80 and at this point I'll open it up to the BOS. Mrs. Parsons – I'd just like to have the free cash number before Town Meeting. And before a half hour before Town Meeting. Mr. Plante – The auditors will be in this week. Mrs. Parsons – I'd like to have an estimated number for free cash. Mr. Plante – Well, Mrs. Parsons you can call the Town Accountant and if he'll give it to you maybe you can pass it on to me. Mr. Valanzola – Could we invite him to the next meeting? Mr. Plante – Sure....but that's what happens, people hear a number and then it turns out to be different and people get upset because you told me it was "x" and now it's "y". He just doesn't want to release the number that he has right now and Mrs. Parsons – It has to be certified by DOR and we only have four weeks to get that done. Mr. Valanzola – The only question I had (if the Fire Chief is here) was in regard to the overtime. I think in my last estimates we were looking at about half a million dollars

B. UNFINISHED BUSINESS (Continued)

3. FY 06 Budget Update (Continued)

in substitute labor and overtime and I think we were budgeted for significantly less. I'm not sure how we are going to be able to make that up. I don't know what you are doing to keep that under control. Chief Sammon – Everything I'm doing, Lou, is contractual. As you know, you were on the board when we signed the contract. Nothing is different here. I'm just going by the contract. Everything is above boards, you are welcome to come up anytime you want and look. Mr. Valanzola – I understand it's a fine line talking about it out in this session. I didn't agree to that, I thought it was a mistake but at this point we are still going to have to figure out a way to pay for it though. The other thing I had a question about (a few people have asked me) what is the procedure when the horn blows? Every so often you hear it go off. Chief Sammon – That is when our station is empty....it's for manpower. (Reported building fires, the building being empty or mutual aid.) Mr. Valanzola – Does that call in any other firemen? Chief Sammon – That's the idea. Mr. Valanzola – Is there a number that gets called in...is it just seven? Chief Sammon – It's only when the station is empty that these men come back. Mr. Valanzola – So if the station is empty...you blow the horn and these men come in. Chief Sammon – It doesn't mean they are all coming back...if they come they come, if they don't they don't. Mr. Valanzola – They get paid for that obviously....do they get paid a minimum amount of time for that? Chief Sammon – If they come in... like I said that's all contractual. You don't get that many coming in. A lot of this, Lou, can be discussed later. Mr. Valanzola – Ok. Thank you Chief.

4. Licenses & Permits

Common Victualler

Anita Maries, 341 Union Street
Triple Nine Thai, 100 Market Street
Honey Dew, 482 Market Street
Rokies Bar & Grill, 363 Union Street
Dunkin Donuts, 21 E. Water Street
99 Restaurant, 2 Accord Park
Not Just Seafood, 371 Union Street
Season's Café, 938 Hingham Street
McDonald's, 117 Market Street
Rockland Golf Course, 276 Plain St.
South Shore Racquet & Fitness, 406 VFW
R & R Tavern, 354 Liberty
D. J.'s Pub, 365 Centre Ave

Rockland Jade, 434 Union St.
Butterfields, 372 Market Street
Hotel Thomas, 167 Union St.
Guckenheimer, 1030 Hingham St.
Dunkin Donuts, 347 Centre Ave.
Themis Pizza, 488 Market Street
Mary Lou's, 200 Webster St.
D'Angelo's, 144 Market St.
Mike's Pizza, 312 Union Street
Tonia's Deli – 246 E. Water St.
Yanni's Pizza, 930 Hingham St.
Bella's Restaurant, 933 Hingham St.

Motion: Mr. Chaffee to approve all Common Victualler licenses

Second: Mr. Pratt

Vote: 5-0

B. UNFINISHED BUSINESS (Continued)

4. Licenses & Permits

Entertainment

R & R Tavern, 354 Liberty Street
D.J.'s Pub, 365 Centre Ave
99 Restaurant, 2 Accord Park
Rokies Bar & Grill, 363 Union St.
Rockland Golf Course, 276 Plain St.

Themis Pizza, 988 Market Street
Columbia Social Club, 488 Webster
Fraternal Order of Eagles, 29 Park St.
Hotel Thomas, 167 Union Street
Old Colony VFW, 22 Church St.

Motion: Mr. Pratt to approve all Entertainment Licenses

Second: Mrs. Parsons

Vote: 5-0

Automatic Amusement

Hotel Thomas, 167 Union Street
R & R Tavern, 354 Liberty Street
Fraternal Order of Eagles, 29 Park St.
D.J.'s Pub, 365 Centre Ave.

Old Colony VFW, 22 Church St.
Themis Pizza, 488 Market Street
Rokies Bar & Grill, 363 Union St.
Columbia Social Club, 488 Webster St.

Motion: Mrs. Parson to approve all Automatic Amusement Licenses

Second: Mr. Chaffee

Vote: 5-0

Thrift/Consignment

Diane's Place, 304 Union Street
Rose's Thrift Shop, 145 Union Street

Motion: Mrs. O'Brien-McKinnon to approve all Thrift/Consignment Licenses

Second: Mrs. Parsons

Vote: 5-0

Lodging House

DDE Property Management, 99 Church Street
Triangle House, 167 West Water Street

Motion: Mrs. O'Brien-McKinnon to approve all Thrift/Consignment Licenses

Second: Mr. Chaffee

Vote: 5-0

B. UNFINISHED BUSINESS (Continued)

4. Licenses & Permits

Taxi/Livery

South Shore Taxi, 73 Park Avenue
J & C Transport, 404 Old Town Way, Hanover
Robbins Livery, 115 Hartsuff St.
Tri-Town Livery, 51 Maple Street

Motion: Mrs. O'Brien-McKinnon to approve all Taxi/Livery Licenses

Second: Mr. Chaffee

Vote: 5-0

Class I License

South Shore Ford, 7 Market Street
Hometown America, 31 Leisurewoods Drive
Hometown America, 401 Beech Street

Motion: Mr. Chaffee to approve all Class I Licenses

Second: Mrs. Parsons

Vote: 5-0

Class III License

Rockland Auto Parts, 419 Concord Street

Motion: Mr. Pratt to approve Rockland Auto Parts Class III License

Second: Mr. Chaffee

Vote: 5-0

All Alcoholic – Retail Package

Luke's Liquors, 167 Market Street

Motion: Mr. Chaffee to approve Luke's Liquors All Alcoholic-Retail Package License

Second: Mr. Pratt

Vote: 5-0

All Alcoholic - Club

Old Colony VFW, 22 Church Street

Motion: Mr. Chaffee to approve Luke's Liquors All Alcoholic-Retail Package License

Second: Mr. Pratt

Vote: 5-0

B. UNFINISHED BUSINESS (Continued)

4. Licenses & Permits

Mr. Valanzola – A reminder that all Class II Licenses will be done together at the next Selectmen's meeting.

All Alcoholic Inn Holder & Inn Holder License

Hotel Thomas, 167 Union Street

Motion: Mr. Pratt to approve both All Alcoholic Inn Holder & Inn Holder License for Hotel Thomas

Second: Mrs. O'Brien-McKinnon

Vote: 5-0

All Alcoholic Common Victualler

D.J.'s Pub, 365 Centre St.

Motion: Mr. Chaffee to approve All Alcoholic Common Victualler for DJ's Pub

Second: Mr. Pratt

Vote: 5-0

Hawker's & Peddler's

Tiffany's Flowers, 15 Johnson Terrace

Motion: Mr. Pratt to approve Hawker's & Peddler's for Tiffany Flowers

Second: Mr. Chaffee

Vote: 5-0

C. NEW BUSINESS

2. Traffic Study Request – Middle School Principal

Principal Paul Stanish requested a traffic feasibility study on Taunton Avenue for the purpose of making Taunton Avenue a one way thoroughfare between the hours of 7:00-8:00AM and 1:30-2:30PM. He feels that this would considerably diminish the possibility of a student or staff member being injured. Mr. Valanzola – Are you looking for it to be entering in the morning and the other way in the afternoon?

Mr. Stanish – Any way it would go...I'm not a traffic expert...we are open to anything that would decrease the risk of a student getting hurt. Whatever works and whatever is right with the abutters. It may be an issue with the bank in the afternoon but I would like to see it at least one way in the morning. Chief Donovan – There are a lot of issues that we need to check into. We'll go over this with our traffic enforcement officer, Barry Ashton, and give you the pros and cons and our recommendations and that's all we can do. Mr. Stanish – That's all we are looking for. Mrs. Parsons – I have a concern

C. NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

2. Traffic Study Request – Middle School Principal (Continued)

because there are homes on Taunton Avenue where there are no homes on MacKinlay Way. MacKinlay is one way going in and one way coming out. The other issue is that the parents have to be responsible for the way they drive and the way they drop off their kids. I drove it twenty-two years myself... common sense. And I've seen what you've seen only I've seen worse... I saw someone drop off an eight year old in the middle of Union Street and let him run across Union Street to go to school. They didn't even bother to come down the road. It's basically the parent's responsibility to drive safely. Chief Donovan – There are a lot of issues to look at. We will look at them all and give you a recommendation.

Motion: Mr. Chaffee to take under advisement

Second: Mrs. O'Brien-McKinnon

Vote: 5-0

3. Discussion – Clearing of Rivers & Streams

Mr. Valanzola – As most of you know with the recent storm we had some heavy flooding and also had the Sewer Department handling about 17 million gallons instead of the three. John Loughlin – The storms of October 15 & 25 had great effects on the Town. The homeowners suffered as well as the strain on the Town. The Sewer Department had extreme difficulty trying to maintain their process. I have had an influx of calls regarding rivers and streams. With storms of that magnitude the rivers and streams swell, there is no place for the water to go. The water adversely affected homeowners. Andy contacted me after the last meeting. I've met with Andy and Bob Corvi to come up with some ideas of what to do. For some reason the monies for rivers and streams are in the Sewer Department budget. We do have some money to work with to try to alleviate the problems. I have a line item of \$22,722.00 for drainage. I have some of that money committed with the projects that we have reviewed and it's my intent to spend that \$22,722.00 for the end of the year. We are going to do that by prioritizing the rivers and streams that need the most attention. We have been out to look at these streams and it's amazing what you find in there. Between bicycles, shopping carts, mattresses, air conditioners, etc. this is from residents discarding materials and they have no concern of what is doing to happen down the road. Part of my plan is to clean debris from the streams ... as you know, \$22,000 isn't going to go a great distance, however, we are going to attempt to use it the best that we can to alleviate the most severe problems. If we got into dredging the streams that money wouldn't last very long at all. Andy showed pictures that he had taken. If you see someone dumping down there...call the cops or me. We have a fine of \$200. If we catch these people we can not only fine them but force them to clean the river up at their expense. Kelli suggested that maybe we can get some school kids to go in there for community service. Mrs. Parsons – The other issue is that the Sewer Department needs to go to the

C. NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

3. Discussion – Clearing of Rivers & Streams

ConCom for an Order of Conditions. The Order of Conditions need to be recorded at the Registry of Deeds. I know five years ago there were people in Rockland who looked into what's called Stream Team, which would go and volunteer to clean up the debris. But you have to get permission from the homeowners. Mr. Pratt – The people down there are their own worse enemies...they are down there dumping everything including a kitchen sink. You can't expect to put that kind of debris in a stream and not expect the water to go somewhere else. It's going to go into your basements, on the roads...it's going to go everywhere. All these people are complaining about there basements being filled with water and they filled in the stream. Mrs. Parsons – The other issue is that they can be fined by DEP more so than us. It will be a hefty fine. John Loughlin – I did contact Captain McCarthy of the Plymouth County Sheriff's Department to inquire about some free labor but I haven't heard back from him yet. We will still have to enlist the contractor to supply a dump truck for hauling out debris. Mrs. Parsons – This is the best time of year to clean streams, as the leaves fall you can see things better and there are no ticks or mosquitoes. Mr. Pratt – Bob Corvi did a great job. He came down with his machinery and cleaned out as much as he could without disturbing anything and within a week there was already debris back in the stream. Bob Corvi – We dug it out on a Friday then Joe Reis had called me and said that Wyman's Field was not draining. We went down there and we couldn't even find the outlet pipe. It was covered with brush and leaves That means I dug it out on Friday and on Monday it was covered again. It's the neighbors. I spoke to one lady who was pumping right there. She said everything was backing up but she can't report her neighbors for dumping that. Well, we can't patrol it. If they are not going to pick the phone up and report this, it's going to happen time and time again. These brooks cannot be done by hand. They are so overgrown and haven't been taken care of in so many years that they will have to be done by machines the first time and then every single year you could probably go in there with hip boots and pull out what's there. Also, the Town is going to have the liability if someone gets hurt if you use say "boy scouts" or something. We were going to use them five years ago and we got a letter from Town Counsel saying absolutely not. Suggestion was made to put a dumpster there so people will use that instead of throwing debris in the stream. Question: What is the fine for dumping in the stream. Andy - \$200. Mrs. Parsons – That's from the Town...DEP can also fine. Mr. Corvi – We can raise the amount of our fine at Town Meeting. Mr. Corvi – I went by the Town dump one night and saw a box truck there. I don't know why but I turned around and called the police. They had dumped 25 refrigerators there. After they were caught they were not only fined, but that had to remove the refrigerators and all the other debris that was left in front of the gate because of the police officer. So if we catch them dumping those grass clippings everything at the end of the brook they are going to have to clean everything there. You have to make an example...the resident's have to call. Catch one person and get it in the paper that it cost them \$3,000-\$4,000 to clean a bag of grass clippings up and you are going to start seeing people taking it to the landfill. The Selectmen can't do this, the Sewer Department can't do this, Conservation, Police, Fire, etc. ... if we don't have the help from the residents we can't do it. Mr. Valanzola – Maybe we can have a letter put in the water/sewer/trash bill imploring people not to dump in there. I also think we

C. NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

3. Discussion – Clearing of Rivers & Streams

have to do another bulk trash pickup. With a lot of people there is nowhere to bring the stuff...it still doesn't excuse it. You can get a \$50 voucher from the BOH as long as your trash bill is paid. Then you can bring your stuff down to the recycling center.

Mrs. Parsons – The voucher will only get you two things for the year and that's it.

Mr. Pratt – Correct me if I'm wrong but the grass clippings and stuff are free at the dump so it doesn't make any sense at all. You're going to back up your basement and everyone else's if you can dump it for free anyways.

Andy – Sand is a problem in those pipes too. If we can get Hoadley to come down with his sucker...he has a vacuum machine that will suck up all the sand.

Mr. Loughlin – If we identify areas like that we can use some of the funding to hire Hoadley to do that sort of work.

Mrs. Parsons – That's why I say bring your line item back up to \$35,000 because if you do this year after year you are going to hit the sections.

Mr. Loughlin – As a public announcement: I'm doing now the money that got approved at the last Town Meeting to rehab sewer lines and manholes in the Wyman Field section of Town. Then part of my I&I program going forward, I'm going to have Studley Pond and all those areas in camera because I think that is a large source of our problem. When you see New England Pipe Cleaning Company they are working for the Town under contract with me.

Mr. Chaffee – Regarding the dam in Hanover. I know that don't want water but at the same token you can't raise your dam to hurt another Town. Just like we couldn't lower it to flood someone else out. Before we send a letter to DEP I think we should take a look down there and see what it looks like.

Andy – I have another problem ... personal property, the pipes they have running through their land they are all crushed and they don't want to fix them. These pictures are of all the pipes on one property that is behind the old sandpaper building and at 176 Howard Street (Mr. Needle's property) the pipe is all broken and the water just backs up and he's up there with his waders on. He's got to put new pipes in ... the water that's in that neighborhood is flooding people out and it's a mess.

BOS – I would think you would call the BOH.

Mrs. Parsons – Also the Clean Water Act...you can't cause water to go onto someone else's property.

Richard Jasper – Listening to all the conversation here, it seems that the Town ought to put something in the budget more than the \$35,000 to clean up this mess. Once it's cleaned up I think you will have a different setup. People will not try to destroy what is good for them but if you don't put some money into this ... it looks like your going to have a problem here. If you are proud of your Town, I think this is one thing we should pay for.

Mrs. Parsons – The other problem is that we have a deficit budget. We don't have enough money to cover our bills as it is.

Mr. Jasper – You have enough money to cover everyone else's budget. I think this is one that we ought to squeeze a little out for.

Mr. Valanzola – I wish we could but unfortunately.....Mrs. O'Brien-McKinnon – Maybe when the LNR money comes in we could put that towards cleaning some of the rivers and streams.

Mr. Chaffee – This money from the Sewer Department comes out of the receipts that the people pay for sewerage. You could raise this money my raising rates if you wanted to.

Mr. Jasper – I wouldn't want to raise rates.

Mr. Chaffee – We have to do something, it's going to be a lot worse if we wait.

Mr. Pratt – I don't see that people would be adverse to paying (say \$1.00 more a year) just to cover this type of maintenance and cleaning.

Mr. Valanzola – It would take more than a \$1.00 a year.

- D. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT**
- E. CORRESPONDENCE**
- F. OPEN FORUM**

Motion: Mrs. Parsons to adjourn at 9:08 PM

Second: Mr. Pratt

Vote: 5-0 Mr. Chaffee-yes, Mrs. Parsons-yes, Mr. Pratt – yes, Mrs. O’Brien-McKinnon-yes and Mr. Valanzola-yes

LAWRENCE J. CHAFFEE
VICE-CHAIRMAN

BRADLEY A. PLANTE
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR